



HF 2392 – Career and Technical Education, Schools (LSB6022HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

House File 2392 modifies provisions in statute related to academic and career guidance and to career and technical education courses. Much of the bill updates terminology related to career and technical education, formerly identified as vocational education.

Academic and Career Guidance

HF 2392 requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules providing standards for approved career information and decision-making systems and to develop a review process for approval of such systems utilized by school districts. Until FY 2016, the College Student Aid Commission made a system available to school districts statewide at no cost to the districts, the I Have a Plan Iowa (IHAPI) system. Approximately 87.0% of school districts used that system in at least one grade in grades 8 through 12. At least five districts used a different vendor. Of the remaining districts, some may have been using another vendor, while others were meeting the requirements through other means.

In FY 2016, the Department received \$600,000 in state funding to continue funding IHAPI for those districts that have been participating. Unless a specific appropriation is made to fund the systems for school districts, those districts that have been participating through the College Student Aid Commission will have to assume the costs of meeting the requirements in Iowa Code section **279.61** beginning in FY 2017. However, that is a result of the termination of the IHAPI program by the Commission and is not a result of the provisions in **HF 2392**.

Regional Career and Technical Education Planning Partnerships

Section 42 of the bill establishes Regional Career and Technical Education Planning Partnerships that replace the Regional Vocational Education Planning Boards that are repealed in the bill. Section 43 of the bill provides for the establishment of a Career Academy under an agreement between a school district and community college, or between multiple school districts that have formed a Regional Career and Technical Education Planning Partnership and a community college.

Assumptions

The new provisions in sections 42 and 43 of the bill are intended to provide an improved, updated structure for career and technical programming, formerly vocational education, already required of local school districts. The districts are currently using a mix of federal and state funds to meet those requirements. Those funds will continue to be available to meet the provisions of **HF 2392**.

There are components of the bill that could have potential cost implications for school districts, but there are likely to be cost savings associated, as well. Some of the cost implications may be moderated by decisions at the local level.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2392 will have no significant fiscal impact to the state. The fiscal impact to local school districts cannot be determined but is not anticipated to be significant.

Sources

College Student Aid Commission
Department of Education

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
